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Secret Service Did Not Use Tear Gas in Lafayette Park

Washington D.C. – The Secret Service has determined that no agency personnel used tear gas or capsicum spray during its efforts to secure the area near Lafayette Park on Monday, June 1st, 2020.

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